

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TA  
S: CASC  
SUBJ: W/W ARREST: LEONARD RICHARD BENNETT

REF: COTONOU 089 AND 290

1. BENNETT ASKS WIFE BE ADVISED THAT \$500 RECEIVED, AND HE NOW TRYING TO TRACE TWO OTHER \$500 AMOUNTS SHE SENT. REQUEST SHE SEND HIM DETAILS OF REMITTANCE.
2. ON ORDER OF ACTING PRESIDENT OHOUENS, HAMZA NOW UNDER ARREST, ONE OF HIS LIEUTENANTS ARRESTED ON MARCH 1, AND OTHER HAMZA LIEUTENANT TO BE ARRESTED MARCH 2. ALSO, ALL HAMZA'S PROPERTY HOLDINGS IN BENIN TO BE SEIZED MARCH 2, INCLUDING HIS VEHICLES. IN MEANTIME, ONE OF BENNETT'S LIEUTENANTS RELEASED MAR 1, ANOTHER TO BE RELEASED MARCH 2.
3. BENNETT LAWYERS FOUND THAT HAMZA LISTED FALSE LOCAL BUSINESS ADDRESS ON HIS CHARGES AGAINST BENNETT. WHEN FIRST OF BENNETT CHARGES HEARD ON FEB 28, LAWYER CLEVERLY REQUESTED BAILIFF TO GO TO THAT ADDRESS TO DEMAND HAMZA APPEAR IN COURT. JUDGE MOST UPSET WHEN BAILIFF REPORTED BACK THAT HAMZA UNKNOWN AT THAT ADDRESS. BENNETT NOW FEELS HE WILL BE FREED WITHIN DAYS. EMBASSY MAKES NO PREDICTIONS.

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